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TOP NEWS

Google To End Forced Worker Arbitration, Class Action Waiver

Google LLC said Thursday it will end forced arbitration requirements and class action waivers for its employees, following its announcement in November that it would no longer require workers to arbitrate sexual harassment and assault claims. Read full article »

Jackson Estate Says HBO's 'Neverland' Violates '92 Deal

Michael Jackson's estate said HBO's airing of the forthcoming documentary "Leaving Neverland" violates a non-disparagement clause in an agreement the parties signed in 1992, according to a petition for arbitration submitted in California state court Thursday that is claiming more than $100 million in damages Read full article »

IRS Worker Charged With Leaking Michael Cohen's Bank Info

A complaint against an analyst in the IRS' criminal investigation division was unsealed Thursday, revealing charges that he unlawfully disclosed confidential banking information related to Michael Cohen from when he served as personal attorney for President Donald Trump. Read full article »

Analysis

US-Calif. Emission Talks Breakdown Could Spark Legal War

The Trump administration on Thursday dramatically ended negotiations with California over a controversial proposal to roll back greenhouse gas emissions standards for automobiles and revoke the Golden State's special permission to craft its own limits, setting the stage for an imminent legal battle royale. Read full article »

Proposed Calif. Measure Closes Loophole In Data Breach Law

A California State Assembly bill introduced Thursday would require businesses to tell consumers when passport numbers, green cards or biometric information, like fingerprints, facial recognition or retina scans, has been exposed to hackers. Read full article »

REAL ESTATE & DEVELOPMENT

Real Estate Rumors: J Safra, WeWork, Seminole Tribe Of Fla.

J Safra Real Estate has reportedly sold a Miami retail property for $15.5 million, WeWork is said to be taking 40,000 square feet in the Los Angeles area, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida has reportedly bought an office property and adjacent land for $7.1 million. Read full article »

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Fed. Law Overrides Calif. Law For Oil Rig Wages, Justices Told

Parker Drilling Management Services Ltd. filed its opening brief with the U.S. Supreme Court asking it to overturn a Ninth Circuit decision that said a stringent California labor law applied to workers on offshore drilling wells,

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arguing that the offshore rigs were the purview of federal — not state — wage law. Read full article »

BLM Tells 9th Circ. Tribe Is Wrong On Geothermal Leases

The Bureau of Land Management told the Ninth Circuit that a lower court was wrong when it required the federal government to do additional review before extending geothermal leases, arguing a California tribe offered "a series of different, mutually inconsistent arguments" in support of the ruling. Read full article »

PRODUCT LIABILITY

J&J's Expert Tells Calif. Jury Talc Doesn't Cause Cancer

A microbiologist testifying in defense of Johnson & Johnson in a California jury trial over claims its baby powder contained cancer-causing asbestos said fibrous talc doesn't cause mesothelioma and rejected the claim that long, thin asbestos fibers indicate they're carcinogenic. Read full article »

Ford Urges Judge To Toss Defective Truck Engines Suit

Ford asked a California federal judge Wednesday to toss a suit alleging the company sold vehicles it secretly knew had defective diesel engines, arguing the drivers who filed the case fail to show the "who, what, when, where, why and how" that constitute legitimate fraud claims. Read full article »

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Facebook Can't Avoid Targeted Ad Campaign Class Action

A California federal judge has refused to toss a proposed class action accusing Facebook Inc. of deceptively promising that advertisers can choose targeted audiences for ad campaigns, saying at this point in the case, the allegations are enough to show the public could be deceived by the social media giant. Read full article »

BENEFITS

UnitedHealth Lactation Suit Deserves Class Cert., Moms Say

Mothers who say UnitedHealthcare Inc. violated the Affordable Care Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act by depriving them of lactation counseling and support services have urged a California federal court to grant them class action status. Read full article »

SECURITIES

Medical Software Co. Exec Sues In Del. To Regain Shares, Job

The purported founder of a California medical software company sued in Delaware Chancery Court for validation of his company shares and status on Thursday, accusing minority investors of forcing him to make them directors and then jettisoning him from the board. Read full article »

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Kim Kardashian Hits Fast Fashion Co. With $10M TM Suit

Reality television star and model Kim Kardashian West filed a $10 million suit Wednesday in California federal court against fast fashion brand Missguided, saying the company has turned her into an "unwitting and unwilling spokesperson" for its products. Read full article »

IMMIGRATION

Calif. Court Keeps Blocking DOD Immigrant Policy

A California federal judge dealt a new blow to the Trump administration's push to require a more stringent background check process for green card-holding immigrants who join the military. Read full article »

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Groups Ask Court To Halt 'Remain In Mexico' Migrant Policy

The American Civil Liberties Union, Southern Poverty Law Center and other legal advocates asked a California federal court on Wednesday to block the Trump administration's recent policy pushing migrants seeking to enter the U.S. at the southwestern border, including asylum seekers, back into Mexico to await decisions on their immigration cases. Read full article »

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC Must Work Together In Wildfire Fight: Calif. Regulator

The Federal Communications Commission should team up with the California Public Utilities Commission to find ways to get wireless communication infrastructure knocked down by wildfires back up and running quickly so firefighters won't be hampered while battling the blaze, a CPUC commissioner has suggested. Read full article »

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Chinese Lighting Co. Seeks To Enforce $9.9M Arbiter's Award

A Chinese lighting company asked a California federal court to confirm an arbitrator's decision allowing it to seize $9.9 million worth of property owned by an American lighting distributor to collect on unpaid invoices, saying a court order would allow it to execute the award. Read full article »

LEGAL INDUSTRY

'I Kept The Faith': Rosenstein Reflects On Rocky DOJ Tenure

Outgoing Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein offered reflections on his tumultuous tenure in the Trump administration on Thursday, telling an audience in Philadelphia that while he had taken some hits, he had "kept the faith" and was proud of the U.S. Department of Justice's work on his watch. Read full article »

Prosecutors Broke Law In Epstein Plea Deal, Fla. Judge Says

Prosecutors, including then-U.S. Attorney and current Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta, violated the Crime Victims' Rights Act when they signed a non-prosecution agreement with billionaire sex offender Jeffrey Epstein without notifying his victims, a Florida federal judge ruled Thursday. Read full article »

Litigation Funders Push Back On Proposed Disclosure Rules

A group of litigation funding companies has fired back at groups advocating for proposals that would require litigants to disclose third-party funding arrangements, telling federal court administrators the change was unnecessary and calling a recent letter in support of it a "PR stunt." Read full article »

Bracewell Alum, Ex-Justice Tapped For Texas High Court

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Thursday tapped a Bracewell LLP alumnus and former justice of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Houston to become the ninth justice on the Texas Supreme Court, pending confirmation by the state Senate. Read full article »

EY Continues March Into Legal Market With Global AI Deal

EY Law this week shared its plans to begin using artificial intelligence company Luminance across its global network, as the Big Four accounting firms continue their expansion into some of the legal services traditionally handled by law firms. Read full article »

Gov't, Atty Square Off Over PACER Fees For Court Opinions

A Florida attorney and the federal government on Wednesday clashed over fees for accessing certain documents through PACER, with the attorney arguing they amount to a breach of contract and the government saying while court opinions are usually free, it's up to the judge to determine what

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Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Law student Liz Soltan became this week's top legal lion after she argued and won a case at a top state appellate court before graduating from law school, while Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP ended up among the legal lambs after the firm was disqualified by the Federal Circuit in a patent case. Read full article »

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